Locust Grove

Locust Grove, July 8.- The Fourth passed off very quietly. Hope everyone had a nice time.

Those who spent Sunday of last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Beale were Mrs. Scott Beale and Mrs. Ida Beale, of Prospect; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mezginson and son, Johnnie, of Spout Spring; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Nash and son, of Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beale and daughters, Mary Ann and Karen, spent several days in the same home last week.

Mrs. Walker Beale spent several days last week in Clifton Forge and Covington.

Mrs. Lula Beale visited Mrs. Jud Kinney Friday afternoon of last week.

Mr. Vinston Thornhill and daughter, of Newport News, spent Saturday in the home of Willie Beale. Others visiting in this same home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robertson, of Washington and Mrs. Natalie Robertson, of Appomattox.

Mrs. Lula Beale spent Wednesday night in Lynchburg with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Beale.

Friends are glad to hear that Mr. Walter Phelps is back home from the hospital and getting on so well. Also glad to hear that Mrs. L. M. Moses is back home from the hospital and getting on nicely.

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Vera, July 8.- "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and his ears opened to their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." 1 Peter 3-12.

July is certainly giving us very hot weather; really what is needed for the crops.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Tuesday were Rev. Charles Addington, Mrs. Jimmie Harvey, and children, Edward and Mary Geneva, and Mrs. Mildred Warters, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gibson, of Bethlehem, Pa.

Miss Alise Covington visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Covington for the week-end.

The Parsonage at New Hope Baptist Church was dedicated Sunday afternoon.

Miss Eulelia Robertson, of Charlottesville was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. North Robertson for the week-end.

Mr. T. C. Harvey celebrated his birthday, having supper at Holiday Lake, on Sunday.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

(Editor's note: Here are the questions asked most frequently by Virginia farmers during the past week, as reported by county agricultural agents. Staff members of the VPI Agricultural Extension Service and/or Experiment Station supply the answers.

Q. What is the best way to control tomato diseases?

A. Generally, use of good plants of recommended varieties, and use of the best cultural practices, will form the basis of a good disease control program. Spraying with maneb or zineb will control most of the common leafspot diseases, including late blight. Mulching with sawdust or straw will help materially in reducing the loss from blossom end rot. Diseases caused by viruses are best held in check by insect control.

Q. Is it too late to plant corn?

A. Yes. The yield will be reduced considerably even on the short season hybrids.

Q. How can I control the Japanese beetle?

A. On edible crops, use rotenone, if 14 days can elapse before harvest, methoxychlor. On ornamentals, shade trees, and other plants not to be eaten, DDT is effective.

Q. Is liquid nitrogen on pasture dangerous to grazing animals?

A. No more so than any other nitrogen. Animals are in no danger unless to much nitrogen is used.

Q. At what stage should liquid nitrogen be applied as a side-dressing for corn?

A. When the corn is knee to waist-high.

Q. Will electric fences keep sheep in a pasture?

A. Electric fences are not practical with sheep, although they will keep them in the pasture effectively if the sheep are wet or newly shorn.

Q. What matrial, if any, can be brushed on untreated oak posts to lengthen the life of the posts?

A. Penthachlorophenol is one of the best. It does not rub off after application, and paint can be applied over it. Others, such as copper napthanate, can be used. It is better to soak the post in a preservative than to brush on the preservative. However, brushing will help.

Q. How can I treat my shrubs for nematode infection?

A. Try one of the new materials now on the market. Nemagon and Fumazone both look promising, and should be used according to the directions of the manufacturer.

Q. What causes brown patches in my lawn?

A. Probably a fungus disease known as "brown patch," which is aggravated by wet weather. Sprays applied won't correct the damage already done, but will help prevent spread of the disease. Use one of the lawn sprays available from local dealers.

MARKETING PLANS SHOULD GOVERN STEER PRODUCTION PROGRAM

Steers should be managed with marketing in mind, says Curtis Mast, animal husbandman, VPI Agricultural Extension Service.

By planning the time of marketing, and the quality of animal you take to market, the steer producer can map his entire management program to meet his needs, Mast says.

For instance, if steers are to be sold for slaughter off of grass in July and August, they must be wintered at a high level the winter before, because only in this way will they have enough finish to make acceptable slaughter cattle. Likewise, when cattle will go in the feed lot will depend on when they are sold and the condition they are in.

Mast says a basic principle for steers during summer is not to overgraze. Fortunately this has been a year of abundant pasture and shortages will not be as noticeable as they have been in the past. However, when pastures are over-grazed, steers fail to make a desirable gain, and every pound they fail to put on while on pasture must be put on in the feed lot.

If you start running short of grass, Mast advises, move some of the cattle to the feed lot early—in July, and let the rest graze until September. This way all the grass can be used during the flush season, but there will be no danger of over-grazing. Then, too, you can market steers at two different times during the year.

The time that steers should be fed depends entirely on the condition they are in when they go in the feed lot. Steers that are middle good or better when they go in the feed lot can be topped out in 60 days. On the other hand, if they average about top standard in the slaughter grade, they will need 120 days before market.

Many feeders are finding it advantageous to take their old cattle off pasture the first of September and start feeding them and let their new crop of feeders use the fall pastures. Usually the young, newly bought feeder cattle will use pasture to a better advantage than the older cattle. Usually there is enough fall pasture to give the new crop of feeders a full feed, while older cattle are large enough to be actually underfed if left on full pasture.

The man who is grazing heavy feeder cattle might well look to the possibility of marketing some of his heavier feeders around the early part of August, so there will be enough pasture for the rest of the herd throughout the fall season, or until the bulk of the cattle are sold. Most of the time there is excellent demand for heavy feeders during August by people who have sold some old feed that they want to clean up before Christmas.

Whether you are grazing slaughter or feeder steers, you can help your pasture system by either moving early to the feed lot with some of the steers, or selling some during mid-July to early August, Mast says.

SPENDING THE VACATION AT YOUR HOME?

So you're vacationing at home this year.

Well, you're not alone in your choice — lots of folks nowadays vacation right in their own back yards.

Look at the advantages—no traffic to contend with, no tired children in the back seat, no worry about accomodations.

But you will have to be just about as cautious at home as if you were vacationing hundred of miles away, the National Safety Council says. "Your vacation at home," it says, must be safe to be happy. It can be if you follow a few rules." For example:

1. Water's water, whether it's a distant beach or a back yard pool. Small children never should use a home pool except when supervised by an adult. It's a good idea, by the way, for everyone to take along a partner when he goes swimming.

2. Don't let the man of the family overdo things. Mr. Fix-It probably will try to do all the repair jobs in two weeks that have accumulated the rest of the year. Keep your man alive. Urge him to take things easy and work moderately during his vacation.

3. Just because you're not driving to your vacation spot doesn't mean you're free of traffic danger. Most fatal crashes occur within 25 miles of the victim's home. And make sure a child isn't behind your car when you back up.

Absolutely Right

The preacher came along and wrote on a fence: "I pray for all."

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• Slim's "Pickin'

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Someone else would have begun to talk about refinancing—or repossession of the car. But Slim looked the fellow up and down and asked him how'd he'd like a part-time job.

Now Slim's got a new salesman. The new fellow's holding down both jobs and sell car too. Everybody's hap

From where I sit, Slim is lucky in having a fr Slim around. He's no good judge of a man's character, too. Maybe cause he understands and respects their rig Slim's one fellow who wouldn't try to "sell" you on the idea of a glass of beer with supper. Just because he prefers

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At this season of the year, there are family reunions and church meetings, home-comings, picnics, and vacation travel back to homes of former days. It adds up to a lot of sentiment being associated with Home, Sweet Home.

All that is wonderful, and we are in full agreement with the ideals and sentiments of Home, Sweet Home.

But as business folks, we also take a look at the hard cold business facts of Home, Sweet Home. It is our belief that it is to your advantage in many ways to do your business in your home community. Not only do you help build up that home community and its many organizations its churches, its schools and its self government. But on top of that, it is a personal savings to you. You save in one of the most precious of all things: Time. You save in long and costly searches for your needs, and you save when you know that you not only get your needs, but you get continuing service. Things have a way of wearing and needing repairs and service. Your best bet in this angle, is your home town business man, who is your neighbor and wants to merit having you as a regular customer.

Yes, for those in this fine area of Central Virginia, Home, Sweet Home — Appomattox is your best bet for doing business. Look over the list of fine home community business places listed on this page. You really can get most every need from them, can't you! Then we invite you to do just that: support your home community and help keep it strong and help make it grow! You will be proud to say: I do my business in Appomattox!

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